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LSD tests on humans is denied Harvard outlines its CIA work

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Harvard University said yesterday that it conducted two research projects for the CIA's controversial MK-ULTRA human behavior project but denied involvement in the program's testing of LSD and other drugs on humans.

A spokesman for the university, outlining the extent of the university's participation for the first time, said a full statement detailing the specific research projects was being prepared.

The announcement came shortly after Stanford University in California released a lengthy statement outlining its involvement in seven CIA-funded projects after a report was issued by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on its CIA research.

The universities' disclosures followed several weeks of reluctance to discuss the research until after the universities were apprised of their involvement by the CIA.

But the new openness also appears to point up the inadequacy of records kept by both the CIA and the individual research institutions on how, where, and for how long the projects operated.

For example, MIT's admission of involvement in only one MK-ULTRA project—a contention supported by CIA officials in Virginia yesterday—directly contradicts information The Globe has obtained involving at least two, and perhaps other, MK-ULTRA projects.

Dr. Edgar Schein, an MIT professor, said two weeks ago that he knowingly accepted CIA money for research into brainwashing techniques that later resulted in the publi-

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cation of a book entitled "Coercive Persuasion."

A spokesman for MIT said yesterday that the CIA had not notified the school of Schein's research. The university previously had disclosed only a project involving a study of Soviet scientists as possible defectors.

Other researchers at the university also have reported knowledge of "a number of CIA projects" during the 1950s and early 1960s, but said they did not know if the re-

search was done as part of the MK-ULTRA project.

CIA Director Stansfield Turner has repeatedly emphasized that the agency lacks detailed records on the research project because most of those documents were destroyed in 1973. Only financial documents pertaining to certain projects remain.

Stanford revealed yesterday that between 1953 and 1961 the CIA covertly spent more than \$385,000 on faculty research designed "to identify materials and methods useful in altering human behavior."

A Stanford spokesman said yesterday there "was mention of human experimentation" in the documents supplied by the CIA but that the university was unable to determine if that research had been carried out.

One of the projects apparently involved a "practicing psychiatrist" on the Stanford faculty who served as a consultant to the controversial George H. White, a CIA operative who established a "safe house" in San Francisco and used prostitutes to administer LSD to unsuspecting citizens.

Other projects at Stanford included research on alcoholic intoxication, analysis of sedatives (including a species of ticks) used in developing a knockout drug, development work on a miniaturized lie detector and a literature search on blood-type groupings.